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South Dakota NAEP News

NAEP – Measuring Student Progress for 40 Years

NAEP began in 1964 with a grant from the Carnegie Corporation to set up the Exploratory Committee for the Assessment of Progress in Education. The first national assessments were conducted in 1969. Voluntary assessments for states began in 1990 on a trial basis, and in 2002 and 2003; selected urban districts participated in the assessment on a trial basis. In 2003, the NCLB Act mandated NAEP assessments in reading and mathematics be administered to students in grades 4 and 8.

The Next Cycle of NAEP, 2006

Who will be involved? South Dakota was not selected to participate in NAEP in 2006.

New NAEP State Coordinator

Gary Skoglund, former State Assessment Director, has assumed the role as SD NAEP Coordinator. Mr. Skoglund has worked for the State of South Dakota for 15 years, primarily in the area of assessment.

NAEP Results 2005

The 2005 NAEP results represent the second time South Dakota has participated in the national testing. The results below are comparisons between 2003 and 2005. Scores are scaled scores that range from a low of 1 to 500.

Grade 4 Math	2003	2005	Difference
	237	242	+5
Grade 8 Math	2003	2005	Difference
	285	287	+2
Grade 4 Reading	2003	2005	Difference
	222	222	S
Grade 8 Reading	2003	2005	Difference
	270	269	-1

Do you have questions or would you like additional information?

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For additional NAEP results visit the National Center for Education Statistics or the SDDOE website at:

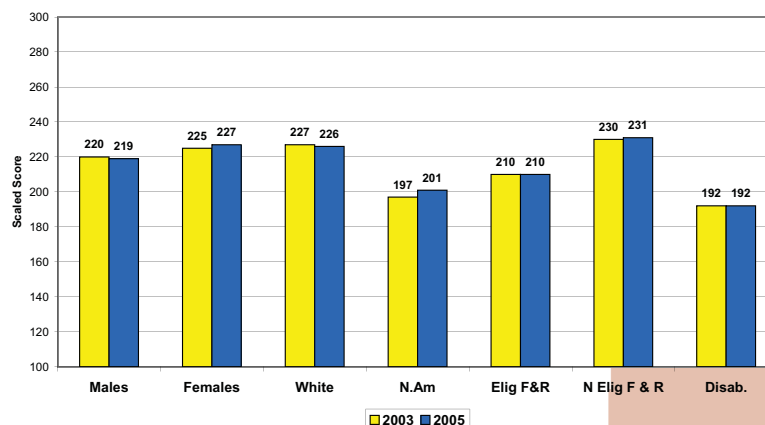
<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>

<http://doe.sd.gov/octa/assessment/naep/index.asp>

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**This month's newsletter will analyze
Grade 4 Reading results:**

**Performance of NAEP Subgroups in
Grade 4 Reading**



**Reading Grade 4 Comparison Highest State
and Bordering States 2003-2005**

